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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/642,492
	Filing Date	August 18, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Gary VAN NEST
	Art Unit	1648
	Examiner Name	S. Foley
	Attorney Docket Number	377882000800

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (15 pages)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 pages)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal (1 page + duplicate for fee processing); Form PTO/SB/08a/b (1 page); Return receipt postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. **I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.**

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature		Date	December 22, 2004
Name (Print/Type)	Karen R. Zachow, Ph.D.	Registration No.	46,332

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Dated: December 22, 2004

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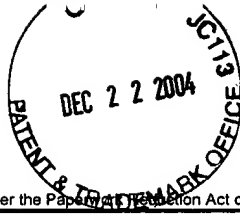
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<b>Effective on 12/08/2004.</b> <b>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</b> <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	09/642,492
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> (\$) 395.00		Filing Date	August 18, 2000
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<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>							
<b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>							
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>FILING FEES</b>	<b>SEARCH FEES</b>	<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>		
		<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>			
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0.00
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0.00
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0.00
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0.00
<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							
<b>Fee Description</b>						<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
<b>Total Claims</b>		<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>		
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<b>Indep. Claims</b>		<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>			
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<b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
<b>Total Sheets</b>	<b>Extra Sheets</b>	<b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>			
- 100 =	/50	(round up to a whole number) x	=	0.00			
<b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>	
						0.00	
Other: 1801 Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 CFR 1.114)						395.00	

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